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I Shall not here go about to rake into all the *Miſcarriages* of the *Eaſt-India Company*, and conſequently *Misfortunes* of the *Nation*, but only touch upon, and date them, from the time that the *Stock* and Sir *Joſiah Childe* were at their greateſt height and proſperity, in the Year 1682. When on a ſudden he forſook all his old Friends that firſt introduc'd him, with great difficulty, into the *Committee*, and afterwards rais'd him to the Honor of *Governor*, throwing them totally out of the Management, as Sir *Samuel Bernardiſton*, Sir *John Mordent*, Sir *Matthew Andrews*, Sir *Humphrey Edwin*, *Thomas Papillon*, *Charles Thorold*, *John Page*, and *Tho. Canham*, Eſquires, for not yielding and complying with his *new Projects*, which were foreſeen by his ſaid Friends and others, to be *fatal* and *deſtructive*: But he was deaf to their Advice, betaking himſelf to *new Counſellors* that were very ignorant in the Trade. And having ſtrengthned himſelf with his *new Party*, he proceeded afterwards to caſt off Sir *John Bankes*, Sir *Jeremy Sambrooke*, Sir *Tho. Daval*, Major *Robert Thomſon*, *Edward Rudge*, and Coll. *Clarke*, with others, who had *long Experience* in that Trade, ſome of whom went too far with him, and many of them did afterwards fall under his *Miſ-repreſentation at Court* as being *Ill-affected to the Government* for *Selling* and *Leſſening their Stocks*, and *not Joyning in Matters that the Law would not juſtifie*; ſo that theſe Gentlemen, or ſo many of them that ſtood in his way, being removed, the *Great Miniſters* and *Chief Men at Court* fell in with Sir *Joſiah*, not doubting, but to

have found a ſufficient Fund for carrying on any *publick Deſign* either of *War* or otherwiſe: And by his great *annual Preſents*, he could command both at *Court* and in *Weſtminſter-Hall* what he pleas'd; and thereupon a *great Fleet* was prepared with *Soldiers* and all other *Warlike Preparations*; ſometimes giving out, *It was againſt the Dutch*, which Affair was manag'd and conſulted by Sir *Joſiah* and a private Committee, altho thoſe Worthy Gentlemen of the ſaid Committee often declar'd they knew very little or nothing of what was tranſacted: But in the end, the *hopeful Treaty* that was then on foot in *London* by Commiſſioners appointed from *Holland* for *reſtoring* and *making ſatisfaction for* Bantam *was rejected*, and new Meaſures taken, to the great ſurprize of the *Dutch* Nation, and the conſidering Men amongſt our ſelves, who had any cognizance of the Affair: Till at laſt (Matters being not yet ripe abroad to fall upon the Proteſtants) all this *Warlike Preparation* ended in a War with the Great and Mighty Emperor the *Mogul* and the King of *Syam*.

THIS Storm thus falling upon the *Mogul* and the good King of *Syam*, our Ships were imployed in *India* for the *taking and ſeizing of all their, and their Subjects, Ships and Eſtates*, even thoſe in our Ports at *Bombay*, though they had our *Factors Paſſes for ſecurity*, without either *Declaration of War*, or *Demand firſt made*, which hath occaſion'd ſuch a *Confuſion* and *Diſorder* (beſides the *great Diminution of the Nations Honor*) that all our many beneficial Settlements are ruin'd, the Fruit of which we had but yet begun to taſte, eſpecially in the Bay of *Bengall*, which is the greateſt and richeſt Province in any known part of the Univerſe, being ſubject to the Nabab or Chief Governor under the *Mogul*. And in the ſpace of about 23 Years, our Trade in that Province alone, hath advanced from 8000 *l.* to upwards of 300000 *l. per annum*, and had not this pernicious War interven'd, it might have been by this time carried on much further by a prudent Conduct, to the great Honor and Advantage of the Nation. But when our laſt Advices came from thoſe Parts, by the Ship *Rocheſter*, Affairs were there in greater *Confuſion* and *Diſorder* than ever, occaſion'd by *freſh Deſcents* and *Depredations that had been committed under the conduct of Captain* Heath; ſo that the Breach is now much wider (notwithſtanding at the laſt Seſſions of Parliament, Sir *Joſiah Childe* had the aſſurance to declare at the Bar of the Honorable Houſe, *That a Peace was actually concluded*.

THIS being the preſent ſad Condition of that important Trade, which will be irretrievably loſt, if *ſome ſpeedy and proper Remedies be not applied to regain and ſettle it*. 'Tis therefore humbly hoped our *Honorable Repreſentatives* will think it *worthy their Regard*: And the *zealous deſire I have to ſee it thrive and flouriſh, prompts me to offer my private Thoughts* concerning the *moſt ſuitable Methods for the Eſtabliſhing it*, to the Honor and Intereſt of the Nation.

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